

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Gromatzky et al.  
Divisional of Serial No.: 09/840,471 filed 4/23/2001

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The following is a Preliminary Amendment for a Divisional of Serial No.  
09/840,471. Please enter the following amendments prior to calculating the filing fees.  
If any fees in addition to those accompanying the attached application are required, the  
Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732 and  
consider this a petition therefor.